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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)		Docket Number (Optional)
First named inventor: WIGHTMAN, CRAIG L.		
Application No.: 10/625,473	Art Unit:	
Filed: JULY 23, 2003	Examiner:	
Title: ATTACHMENT FOR A PLOW		
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1. Petition fee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small entity-fee \$ <u>750.00</u> (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. <input type="checkbox"/> Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))		
2. Reply and/or fee A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of <u>SURCHARGE FOR LATE FILING OF OATH</u> (identify type of reply): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been filed previously on <u>SEPTEMBER 17, 2004</u> . <input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed herewith. B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____. <input type="checkbox"/> has been paid previously on _____. <input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed herewith.		

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment

☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

☒ Other: (1.) PRIOR PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(A) W/ EXHIBITS; (2.) DISMISSAL LTR.

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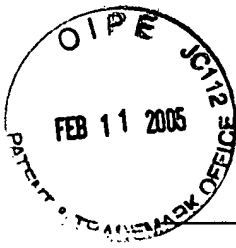
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of Craig Wightman
Appl. Serial No.: 10/625,473

Filed: July 23, 2003

Title: ATTACHMENT FOR A PLOW

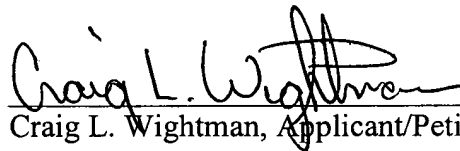
PETITION
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(b)

1. I, Craig L. Wightman, am the applicant for patent in the above captioned matter. I respectfully petition to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, now pursuant to 37 CFR. §1.137(b), to revive my patent application as having been *unintentionally* abandoned for the reasons set forth below.
2. I am a sole inventor and pro se applicant before the USPTO. The present petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b) follows my previous petition under 37 CFR §1.137(a) which was dismissed on November 23, 2004 by Mr. Douglas I. Wood, Senior Petitions Attorney, Office of Petitions, USPTO. The petition under 37 CFR §1.137(a) and all supporting documentation and exhibits are enclosed in support of the present petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b).
3. I was neither timely informed nor properly informed of all the necessary steps I needed to take to prevent my application from becoming abandoned in the first instance, nor was I aware that the circumstances recited in my petition under 37 CFR §1.137(a) would not provide a sufficient showing of cause to the Commissioner of unavoidable delay. Additionally, because I am a layperson, a prudent amount of time was necessary to understand Mr. Wood's dismissal of my petition, and then to exercise a diligent response so as to avoid another unsuccessful petition. Accordingly, the entire delay in filing the present petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b) from when a reply was first due (including the delay in first being informed the application would become abandoned, the delay incurred by my first petition of May 21, 2004, and the delay incurred by my second petition under 37 CFR §1.137(a)), is entirely unintentional.
4. To date, I have paid the small entity application fee with surcharge via form PTO-2038 faxed to the USPTO on May 21, 2004. Additionally, Mr. Wood acknowledges receiving my declaration with surcharge executed on form PTO/SB/01 on September 17, 2004. It is now my understanding according to Mr. Wood's correspondence of November 23, 2004 (see page 3 of that correspondence) that all that is lacking to revive my abandoned application is

“...a showing to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(a) was unavoidable...”

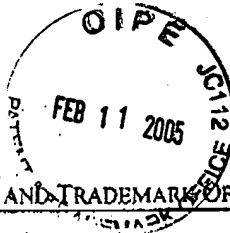
Accordingly, since Mr. Wood has determined that my circumstances do not rise to the level of “unavoidable”, I now petition herein pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(b).

5. Therefore, I respectfully petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b) that revival of my patent application 10/625,473 be granted as my replies to the USPTO have been unintentionally delayed for all of the reasons set forth herein.
6. Lastly, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(b), I am enclosing a petition fee of \$750.00.


Craig L. Wightman, Applicant/Petitioner



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Application No. 10/625,473 :
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a),¹ to revive the above-identified application unavoidably abandoned, filed on 21 September, 2004.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a)." Or, as explained herein, under 37 CFR 1.137(b). This is not a final agency decision.

¹A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed; In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional utility or plant application filed on or after June 9, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.171(d);

(3) a showing to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable; and

(4) the fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.204(d) required

(4) any required disclaimer shall be as set forth in 37 CFR 1.1301(c) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.1301(c)

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This application became abandoned on 3 February, 2003, for failure to timely reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on 2 December, 2003, which set a two (2) month shortened period for reply. No extensions of the time for reply in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. The filing of the present petition precedes the mailing of Notice of Abandonment.

Petitioner, pro se, asserts that his registered patent attorney, Donald J. Perrault, informed him in May, 2004, that he would no longer represent JGB Enterprises (JGB), petitioner's business partner, due to nonpayment of legal fees. Petitioner asserts that Perrault informed him that the patent was in jeopardy of abandonment, but would not explain what action was needed to avoid abandonment because JGB, not petitioner, was his client.

Petitioner further states that he then contacted the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) and was instructed that the filing fee and surcharge for its late filing were due. On 24 March, 2004, petitioner filed the basic filing fee and surcharge and a petition to waive the extension of time fees. The petition was dismissed on 3 August, 2004, because the extendable time period had expired, and an extension was no longer possible. It was additionally noted that an executed oath or declaration was required.

On 21 September, 2004, the present petition was filed, accompanied by an executed declaration. Petitioner asserts unavoidable delay in that he was never informed that an oath or declaration was due.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) must be accompanied by:

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(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(1);

(3) a showing to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR

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1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

The petition lacks item (3).

With regard to item (3), the petition lacks the required showing of unavoidable delay under 37 CFR 1.137(a). Decisions on reviving abandoned applications on the basis of "unavoidable" delay have adopted the reasonably prudent person standard in determining if the delay was unavoidable:

The word 'unavoidable' . . . is applicable to ordinary human affairs, and requires no more or greater care or diligence than is generally used and observed by prudent and careful men in relation to their most important business. It permits them in the exercise of this care to rely upon the ordinary and trustworthy agencies of mail and telegraph, worthy and reliable employees, and such other means and instrumentalities as are usually employed in such important business. If unexpectedly, or through the unforeseen fault or imperfection of these agencies and instrumentalities, there occurs a failure, it may properly be said to be unavoidable, all other conditions of promptness in its rectification being present.²

At the outset, petitioner has not explained the relationship between petitioner and attorney Perrault. Petitioner may wish to send a letter, certified mail, return receipt requested, to attorney Perrault explaining that the Office is investigating the circumstances of the abandonment of this application, and requesting Perrault explain the nature of his agreement with petitioner, and to explain why he (Perrault) did not explain to petitioner, upon petitioner's inquiry, what reply was required to avoid abandonment of the application. A copy of this decision should accompany petitioner's request. Petitioner should request a reply within (1) month. Any reply should be submitted with a renewed petition. If no reply is received, petitioner should so state in any renewed petition.

²In re Mattulana, 35 App. D.C. 497, 514-15 (1912) (quoting Ex parte Pratt, 1897 Dec. Comm'r Pat. 31, 32-33 (1887)); see also Winkler v. Ladd, 221 F. Supp. 550, 552, 138 USPQ 666, 167-68 (D.C. Cir. 1963), aff'd, 143 USPQ 172 (D.C. Cir. 1963); Ex parte Henrich, 1913 Dec. Comm'r Pat. 139, 141 (1913). In addition, decisions on revival are made on a "case-by-case" basis, taking all the facts and circumstances into account. Smith v. Mossinghoff, 471 F.2d 533, 538, 213 USPQ 977, 982 (D.C. Cir. 1972). Finally, a petition cannot be granted where a petitioner has failed to meet his or her burden of showing that the delay was "unavoidable." Raines v. Quigg, 673 F. Supp. 314,

of establishing and maintaining the
316-17, 5 USPQ2d 1120, 1131-32 (N.D. Ind. 1987).

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Further, while the extent of the relationship between petitioner and Perrault has not been explained, petitioner is also reminded that the Patent and Trademark Office is not the proper forum for resolving a dispute between petitioner and petitioner's representative.³ Moreover, the Patent and Trademark Office must rely on the actions or inactions of duly authorized and voluntarily chosen representatives of the applicant, and petitioner is bound by the consequences of those actions or inactions.⁴ Specifically, petitioner's delay caused by the mistakes or negligence of his voluntarily chosen representative does not constitute unavoidable delay within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 133 or 37 CFR 1.137(a).⁵

With regards to OIPE's alleged failure to notify petitioner that the oath or declaration was missing and required, petitioner is not entitled to rely upon oral advice from the Office. A delay resulting from the lack of knowledge or improper application of the patent statute, rules of practice or the MPEP does not constitute an "unavoidable" delay.⁶ A delay caused by an applicant's lack of knowledge or improper application of the patent statute, rules of practice or the MPEP is not rendered "unavoidable" due to: (1) the applicant's reliance upon oral advice from Office employees; or (2) the Office's failure to advise the applicant of any deficiency in sufficient time to permit the applicant to take corrective action.⁷

While the showing of record is unfortunate, it does not rise to the level of unfortunate delay. As such, the petition must be dismissed.

³ Ray v. Lehman, 55 F.3d 606, 608-09, 34 USPQ2d 1786, 1787 (Fed. Cir. 1995).

⁴ Link v. Washash, 370 U.S. 626, 633-34 (1962); Huston v. Ladner, 973 F.2d 1564, 1567, 23 USPQ2d 1910, 1913 (Fed. Cir. 1992); see also Haines v. Quigg, 673 F. Supp. 314, 317, 5 USPQ2d 1130, 1132 (D.N. Ind. 1987).

⁵ Haines v. Quigg, 673 F. Supp. 314, 5 USPQ2d 1130 (D. Ind. 1987); Smith v. Diamond, 209 USPQ 1091 (D.D.C. 1981); Potter v. Dann, 201 USPQ 574 (D.D.C. 1978); Ex parte Murray, 1891 Dec. Comm'r Pat. 130, 131 (Comm'r Pat. 1891).

⁶ See Haines v. Quigg, 673 F. Supp. 314, 317, 5 USPQ2d 1130, 1132 (D.N. Ind. 1987); Vincent v. Mossinghoff, 230 USPQ 621, 624 (D.D.C. 1985); Smith v. Diamond, 209 USPQ 1091 (D.D.C. 1981); Potter v. Dann, 201 USPQ 574 (D.D.C. 1978); Ex parte Murray, 1891 Dec. Comm'r Pat. 130, 131 (1891).

⁷ See In re Sivertz, 227 USPQ 255, 256 (Comm'r Pat. 1985); see also In re Colombo, Inc., 33 USPQ2d 1530, 1532 (Comm'r Pat. 1994) (while the Office attempts to notify applicants of deficiencies in their responses in a manner permitting a timely correction, the Office has no obligation to notify parties of deficiencies in their

responses in a manner permitting a timely correction...

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ALTERNATIVE VENUE

Petitioner may wish to consider filing a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b),⁸ which now provides that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The filing of a petition under the unintentional standard cannot be intentionally delayed and therefore should be filed promptly. A person seeking revival due to unintentional delay cannot make a statement that the delay was unintentional unless the entire delay, including the delay from the date it was discovered that the application was abandoned until the filing of the petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), was unintentional. A statement that the delay was unintentional is not appropriate if petitioner intentionally delayed the filing of a petition for revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

A copy of the form for filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive an application unintentionally abandoned is enclosed herewith for petitioner's convenience.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

⁸Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

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(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required

pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c).

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

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1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims -20** = X =
Independent Claims -3** = X =
Multiple Dependent =

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1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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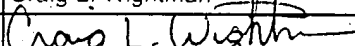
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1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	55.00
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
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1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity - fee \$ 55.00 (37 CFR 1.17(l)). Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(l)).

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of \$ 65.00
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B. The issue fee of \$ _____

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
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Enclosure ☒ Fee Payment

☐ Reply

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Date

Craig L. Wightman

Signature

Registration Number, if applicable

Craig L. Wightman

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Please see attached petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(a)

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed.)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of Craig Wightman
Appl. Serial No.: 10/625,473

Filed: July 23, 2003

Title: ATTACHMENT FOR A PLOW

PETITION

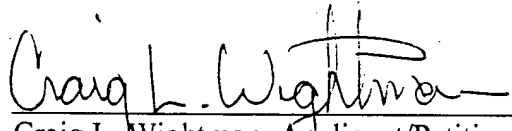
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(a)

1. I, Craig L. Wightman, am the applicant for patent in the above captioned matter. I respectfully petition the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 37 CFR. §1.137(a) to revive my patent application as having been *unavoidably* abandoned for the reasons set forth below.
2. I am a sole inventor and pro se applicant before the USPTO. My application for patent was originally filed under the sponsorship of my then business partner, JGB Enterprises (hereinafter "JGB") located in Syracuse, New York. JGB retained Mr. Donald J. Perreault, Esq. of the law firm of Grossman, Tucker, Perreault & Pfleger, PLLC of Manchester, New Hampshire to prepare and file a patent application on my invention. My agreement with JGB was that they would pay all patent expenses associated with my invention in exchange for a 50% share of any profits that resulted from sales of the same. I was not given a copy of the patent application nor was I copied on any of the correspondences between JGB, Mr. Perreault and the USPTO.
3. On or about the beginning of May 2004 I inquired of Mr. Perreault as to the status of my patent application. Mr. Perreault informed me that JGB had not paid him for his legal services in preparing and filing the patent application and that he ceased all work on the patent application. Most importantly, Mr. Perreault informed me that patent application was in jeopardy of abandonment and that I had little time in which to act to prevent abandonment. He would not be more specific as to what actions I needed to take and stated that JGB was his client and I was not.
4. On May 14, 2004, I telephoned the USPTO Office of Initial Patent Examination to learn for the first time that on December 2, 2003, a notice was issued to the attorney of record, i.e., Mr. Perreault, that my patent application was "incomplete" and would not be examined. At this point I was neither told or made

aware by the Office of Initial Patent Examination of the fact that my patent application was in jeopardy of being abandoned. I was instructed only that the filing fee had not been paid; and that my patent application could be made "complete" by sending \$450.65 to the USPTO with a letter petition requesting acceptance of the filing fee with surcharge and waiver of the \$740.00 extension of time fee. According to my credit card statement the USPTO in fact did accept my \$450.65 payment.

5. On May 21, 2004 I faxed a PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form authorizing payment of the filing fee and surcharge (see exhibit "A"), a PTO/SB/97 Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8 (see exhibit "B"), a PTO/SB/82 Revocation of Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address (see exhibit "C") to insure all USPTO correspondences would now be directed to myself, and my petition via letter (see exhibit "D") requesting acceptance of the filing fee with surcharge and waiver of the \$740.00 extension of time fee. I received an Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission on May 21, 2004 confirming that all of the above pages had been received by the USPTO (see exhibit "E"). At this point I believed that I had satisfied all the requirements of the Office of Initial Patent Examination so as to make my application "complete" and to prevent its abandonment. I therefore took no further action, acting in reliance that my application would now be in complete form for examination.
6. On or about August 9, 2004 I received a correspondence from Mr. Edward J. Tannouse, Petitions Attorney, USPTO stating that my aforementioned petition has been dismissed and that my patent application 10/625,473 was now abandoned (see exhibit "F"). Mr. Tannouse also references the Notice to File Missing Parts issued to the attorney of record, Mr. Perreault on December 3, 2003. Again, I never saw or had knowledge of this notice, making it impossible for me to reply to it in a timely manner. Mr. Tannouse further states that according to the Notice to File Missing Parts, "...the statutory basic filing fee and oath or declaration were missing..."
7. While your Office of Initial Patent Examination mentioned on May 14, 2004 that my filing fee was missing, they did not, however, inform me that my oath or declaration was missing. To date, I have never seen this Notice to File Missing Parts. I can likely conclude that my oath or declaration is also missing from my patent application. I would have promptly corrected this at the same time I faxed my credit card filing fee payment had only your Office of Initial Patent Examination instructed me to do so.
8. Therefore I respectfully petition herein that in view of (a.) my business partner's neglect of this patent application without my consent or knowledge, (b.) Mr. Perreault's constraints against full candor to me due to his attorney/client relationship with JGB, (c.) the USPTO Office of Initial Patent Examination's incomplete instructions to me regarding remedying my incomplete application and (d.) my very best, good faith timely efforts to remedy my incomplete

application that you now accept my filing fee and surcharge of \$450.65 already paid to you, my declaration of inventorship provided herein on form PTO/SB/01 and grant my petition under 37 CFR §1.137(a) to revive my patent application 10/625,473 as my replies to the USPTO having been truly unavoidably delayed for all of the reasons set forth herein.


Craig L. Wightman, Applicant/Petitioner

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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)

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Application Number

10/625,473

Filing Date

July 23, 2003

Art Unit

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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ATTACHMENT FOR A PLOW

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



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07/23/2003

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Application Number

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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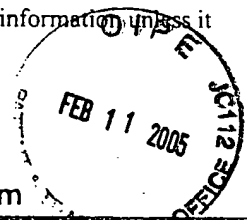
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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor			
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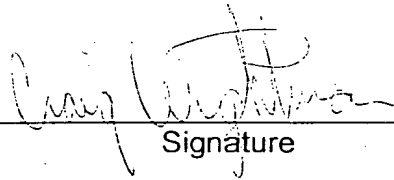
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Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8

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on May 21, 2004
Date


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Craig Wightman

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- 1 Facsimile Cover Sheet
- 2 Petition Letter requesting waiving of Extension fees and/or penalties
- 3 PTO/SB/82 (09-03) Revocation of Power of Attorney Form
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EXHIBIT "B"

**REVOCATION OF POWER OF
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CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

Application Number	10/625,473
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	Wightman, Craig
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	

I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney given in the above-identified application.

☐ A Power of Attorney is submitted herewith.

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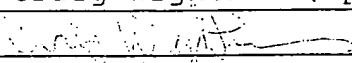
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☒ Applicant/Inventor.

☐ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name	Craig Wightman (Applicant)		
Signature			
Date	4-16-04	Telephone	315.858.9649

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☒ Total of 1 forms are submitted.

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May 20, 2004

In regards to: Patent Application # 10/625,473

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Phone: 703-305-9282

SUBJECT: PETITION TO WAIVE ADDITIONAL FEES

Dear Mail Stop Petition Officers,

When you look up the file on aforementioned patent application you will notice a fee assessed in the amount of approximately \$740.00 additional to the standard Small Entity Application Fee of \$450.65. I have been assessed this fee for circumstances completely out of my control.

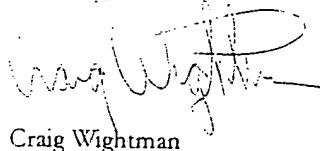
I only learned of this fee and the circumstances in which it was levied on Friday, May 14, 2004. It was on this day that I learned for the first time that a notice had gone out to the attorney of record on December 2, 2003 stating that the application was receiving an incomplete status due to the fact that the application fee was not paid in full and that a deadline for payment had been issued for February 2, 2004.

Due to the fact that I was never made aware of these circumstances and that my patent application was in danger of being deemed abandoned, the attorney of record has been dismissed. You will find accompanying this petition a copy of the REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY form that was faxed to USPTO Applications Office on Monday, May 17, 2004 also in which the original was mailed via USPS to the very address listed at the top of this page on the same day.

Please find it in your hearts to waive the extra \$740.00 in additional fees and/or penalties. I feel strongly that I am not deserving of this penalty. Had I been aware of the status of this patent application I would have made timely payment and there would never have been a reason to assess these additional fees.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Craig Wightman

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In re Application of
Craig Wightman
Application No. 10/625,473
Filed: July 23, 2003
Title: ATTACHMENT FOR A PLOW

ON PETITION

This is in response to the papers styled, "Petition To Waive Additional Fees," filed May 21, 2004. The papers were recently forwarded to this office for review.

The petition is dismissed.

The above-identified application was filed on July 23, 2003. However, on December 2, 2003, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a "Notice To File Missing Parts," (Notice) that stated a filing date was granted, but the statutory basic filing fee and oath or declaration were missing. The Notice also required the submission of a \$65.00 surcharge for the late submission of the filing fee and oath or declaration.

Petitioner requests the waiver of "the extra \$740.00 in additional fees and/or penalties." It appears that Petitioner requests waiver of the fees associated with a request for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), as \$740.00 is the fee required to file a request for an extension of time within the fourth month (when then instant petition was filed). However, it is noted that the maximum extendable period of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) ended at midnight on July 2, 2004. The filing of a request for an extension of time is no longer possible and this application is considered abandoned. As such, this petition must be dismissed as moot.

Please note, information for filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b) to revive the abandoned application, and information for filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment, shall be sent to petitioner under separate cover.

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PAGE 1 of 2

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at
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Edward J. Tannouse
Petitions Attorney
Office of Petitions
United States Patent and Trademark Office

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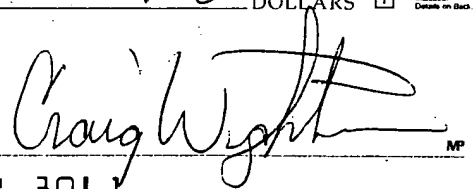
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